CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, September 4, 2012 Derry Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Derry Township Municipal Complex, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA, by Chairman Matt Tunnell.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present: Matthew Tunnell, Chairman; Ned Wehler, Secretary; Gregg Mangione, Member; Joyce St. John, Member

Commission Members Absent: Peter Gleason, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Charles Emerick, Director of Community Development; Diane Myers-Krug, Dauphin County Planning Commission; Jenelle Stumpf, Community Development Secretary; Tracy Telesha, Stenographer

Public Registering Attendance: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Member Mangione and seconded by Member St. John, the Planning Commission approved the minutes of June 5, 2012 as written.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Report of the Board of Supervisors’ action regarding the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Derry Township School District Middle School Addition, Plat #1215

Mr. Emerick reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the plan with conditions.

B. Report of the Board of Supervisors’ action regarding Ordinance No. 624, amending Chapter 225 (Zoning) of the Code of the Township of Derry regarding the Floodplain Overlay District

Mr. Emerick reported that the Board of Supervisors adopted the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and recommendation of a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 225 (Zoning) of the Code of the Township of Derry regarding Article XXIX (Design Review Board; Chocolate Avenue Preservation Overlay District) and Article XXXIV (General Regulations), Section 225-171 (Fences)
Mr. Emerick reported that the proposed amendments are as follows:

Inclusion of a member of the Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society to serve on the Design Review Board, adjustment to the terms of membership to ensure no more than two terms expire in any year, note that a Certificate of Appropriateness is only approved by a majority vote, and inclusion of a revision to the guidelines for signs and awnings to encourage dimensional signs.

Due to the prevalence of modular pre-fabricated fencing, adjustment to the Township regulations is necessary to reduce the amount of variances requested. The proposed ordinance limits the maximum panel of a fence to be 72 inches in height, allowing 4 inches of clearance from the ground to the bottom of the fence and decorative finials no more than 10 inches above the fence.

Ms. Myers-Krug stated that since the Design Review Board will have an even number of members, tie votes are automatically denied. Ms. Myers-Krug suggested discussing a contingency to those denied applications.

**MOTION**

On a motion made by Member Mangione, seconded by Secretary Wehler, and a unanimous vote, the Planning Commission recommended that the ordinance be adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Secretary Wehler, seconded by Member Mangione, and a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ned Wehler
Secretary

Submitted by:

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Tracy Telesha
Stenographer